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G.O. No. 5317 P.H.

Dated 11-11-1940.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mental Hospitals - Opening of an invalid home at Bellary for accommodatin
harmless patients - Papers recorded ;

E.& P.H. Deptt.

From the Surgeon-General, No.822-2 General dated 16-3-1940.

Construction of an upper floor to the refractory ward on the male side of the Govt. Mental Hospital, Madras.

Memo. No. 10827/40-3 D.(1).Ha/ 6.7.1940.

In connection with the proposal of the Surgeon-General to construct an upper floor to the refractory ward on the male side of the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, it has been pointed out that the overcrowding in the hospital may be due to the fact that patients whose cases are hopeless and who should have been in a poor house or infirmary and those who are harmless lunatics, are being sent to the hospital by their relations to save themselves the trouble and the expense involved in looking after them. The S.G. is, ~~therefore~~, requested to direct the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, to examine carefully the case of every non-criminal male lunatic with a view to discharging ~~the hopeless and the harmless ones.~~ This will not only avoid overcrowing in the hospital but will also afford opportunities for proper attention being paid to the patients who are really in need of it. ~~If the relations of the patients that may be so discharged, are unable to maintain them, the question of giving them a grant~~

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~~not exceeding the cost (including over-head charges) involved in keeping a patient in the hospital should be examined.~~

2. The S.G. is requested to submit a report to Government in the matter not later than the 10th August 1940, with information as to the average cost (including over-head charges) of maintaining a patient in the ordinary wards of the hospital.

(to the accountant that could be discharged)

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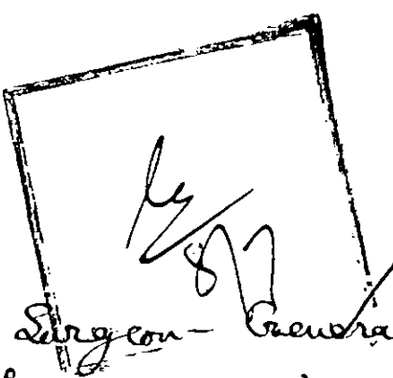

To The Surgeon-General.
(S/c for file)

Education & P.H. Department.

Memorandum No. 10827/40-3 Dl PH dated 5th July 1940.

From the Surgeon-General No.822-2 General dated 16th March 1940.

Construction of an upper floor to the refractory ward on the male side of the Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

Copy of pp. 1-2 ante

In connection with the proposal of the Surgeon-General to construct an upper floor to the refractory ward on the male side of the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, it has been pointed out that the overcrowding in the hospital may be due to the fact that patients whose cases are hopeless and who should have been in a poor house or infirmary and those who are harmless lunatics, are being sent to the hospital by their relations to save themselves the trouble and the expense involved in looking after them. Many of them appear, to the lay eye, to be harmless idiots. The Surgeon-General is requested to direct the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, to examine carefully the case of every non-criminal male lunatic with a view to discharging a number of them. This will not only avoid overcrowding in the hospital but will also afford opportunities for proper attention being paid to the patients who are really in need of it.

2. The Surgeon-General is requested to submit a report to Government in the matter not later than the 15th August 1940, with information as to the number that could be discharged and the average cost (including over-head charges) of maintaining a patient in the ordinary wards of the hospital.

M.T. Duraiswami Ayyangar,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Forwarded
(By Order)

Superintendent.

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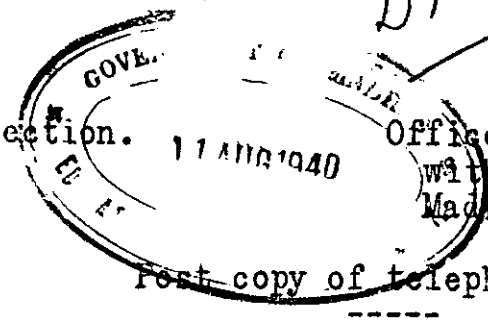

G. Section. Office of the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras, Madras, 9th August 1940.

Post copy of telephonic message.

From

The Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To

The Assistant Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department.

P1-2 ante Ref:- Government Memo No. 10827/40-3 D1 P.H. dated 5-7-40 - Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward of the male side of the Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

A report has been received from the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, on the above subject and is under the consideration of the Surgeon-General. A reply will be submitted to Government as early as possible.

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Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Received ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 15 AUG 1940 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 19 *Registered* 19

Subject.

Buildings-Government Mental Hospital, Madras-Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward on the male side.

ENCLOSURES.
No.
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Ref No. 822-5/G

Station Madras, *Dated the* 14th August 1940

From (Name) Major General R.H. Wilson, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

Reference:- Government Memo No.10827/40-3 D.1/P.H., dated 5-7-1940.

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of letter No.6346-40/D dated 1-8-40 from the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras. I agree with the Superintendent and consider that the quiet and harmless male cases for whom no addresses of relatives or friends are available or none existed cannot be discharged unless an invalid home on cheap lines in the vicinity of Madras as an annexe to the Mental Hospital is constructed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major General, I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

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Copy ofletter No.6346-40/D dated 1st August 1940 from the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, M a d r a s.

With reference to Government Memorandum No.10827-40-3-D-I P.H., dated 5th July 1940 communicated in your Ref.No.822-4-G dated 10th July 1940, I have the honour to offer the following remarks.

2. Admissions to this hospital take place through detention orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Law and Order, Madras for observation and certification by the Superintendent of this hospital or by the issue of reception orders by first class magistrates with two medical certificates on the application made by relatives or friends of patients. The number of cases coming under the first category forms the majority. Occasionally, a few voluntary boarders are admitted without certification.

3. Generally, cases on admission show acute sumptoms or maladjustment necessitating detention and treatment. After they have recovered or show enough improvement, they are placed before the Visiting Committee, meeting monthly and are handed over to the care of relatives or friends or occasionally sent out by themselves if recovered enough.

4. But the discharges being less than the number of admissions, there has been a tendency for accumulation of cases which have become chronic, and irrecoverable adding to the population and some of them have been staying here for many years. Many of them are old and inform or demented to the extent that they need individual care and attention in cleanliness, feeding, etc. and to prevent them from straying away from home.

5. On an investigation conducted individually of quiet and harmless male cases, mostly of a chronic nature, with a view to discharge them from the hospital, it was found that the

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quiet and harmless cases come under two categories i.e., those for whom addressed of relatives could be found in the records and those for whom no addresses of relatives or friends were available or none existed.

6. Letters were addressed to the relatives informing them about the condition of the patients and asking them whether they would take charge of them on discharge. Those, resident in Madras, were interviewed by me and the question of discharge was personally discussed with them and those in the moffussil expressed their desire in the matter. As a result 19 patients were discharged and handed over last month, exclusive of the number that would be otherwise discharged. 4 patients were taken on temporary discharge with a view for final discharge on 20th August 1940 and 19 cases are requested to be discharged by the relatives thus making a probable total of 42 male patients. 8 cases are still under correspondence. Relatives wanted some time to make necessary arrangements in the case of 12 patients and pleaded poverty and inability to take charge and look after in the case of 29 patients. 14 letters were returned as the addresses could not be traced. Attempts will be made to trace the relatives and correspond with them.

7. The second category, the bigger of the two comprises of about 200 quiet and harmless cases-some Anglo Indian and many Indian men of middle and old age for whom no relatives of home are available outside. Some of them have recovered to a certain extent and are useful in carrying on the routine work of the hospital. But a large number are old, infirm and demented to the extent that they need individual care and attention for cleanliness, feeding, etc. These cases are being destitute cannot be discharged as they would simply add on to the number of beggars, criminals etc. and would become a nuisance if not a menace to society.

8. In order to dispose of such cases as well as those chronic cases that could not be taken charge of by relatives a proposal (copy furnished for ready reference) was suggested in this office Annual Report for the year 1937.

"Some of the patients having become chronic, demented, quiet and harmless, a system of colonising them in a rural area in simple type of houses or sheds would not only make their life simpler, cheaper and more fitted to their level but also relieve the congestion in this institution, which could be used for treatment of early recoverable and acute cases, requiring more individual attention. It could be run on the lines of a poor House of the Corporation or the Monegar Choultry under the care of a sub assistant surgeon".

9. If the question of the construction of an invalid home to be run on cheap lines, in the vicinity of Madras, to form a sort of an annexe to this hospital, to accommodate about 200 quiet and harmless chronic patients is favourably considered, detailed proposals for the same will be furnished.

10. The average cost (including the overhead charges) for the last three years of maintaining a patient in this hospital comes to Rs.241/-, Rs.102 being for diet- per annum. But I may mention here that it is not possible to allocate the cost including the overhead charges separately for ordinary wards.

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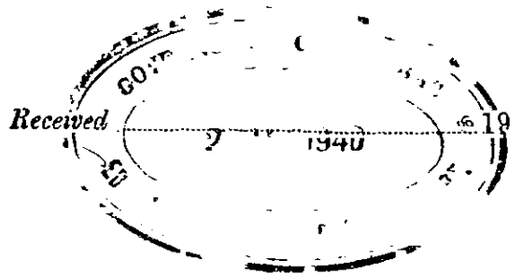

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Subject.

Buildings - Government Mental Hospital, Madras - construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward on the male side.

Edw. & P.H.

The main file has been circulated to A3 on 26/8/40. Its return may be awaited. Dr. has come back.

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Ref. No. 822-6 General

Station Madras, *Dated the* 26th August 1940.

From (Name) Major-General N. M. Wilson, C. I. E., O. B. E., K. H. S., I. M. S.,

(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter Ref. No. 822-5G dated 14-8-1940, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of letter No. 6346-1-40 dated 21-8-1940 from the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, I. M. S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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Copy

Copy of letter from the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, No.6346-1-40 dated 21st August 1940, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Subject: Mental patients - Quiet and harmless patients - Discharge of -

Reference: Your Ref. No.822-4-G dated 10th July 1940 and this office reply thereto.

In continuation of this office letter No.6346-1-40-D dated 1st August 1940, I have the honour to inform you that 42 patients including certain cases of short duration (33 males and 9 females) were discharged from the hospital so far and the strength of the hospital has been brought to 1594(1193 males and 401 females). Of these 16 patients (11 males and 5 females) are on temporary discharge for being tried about their adjustment in their home surroundings with a view to be discharged permanently if conduct and behaviour are found satisfactory.

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Memo no. 10827/40-6 dt. 10-9-40

Establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the Govt. Central Hospital, Madras.

Letter from the S. G. No. 822-5 G. dt. 14-8-40.

The S. G. is requested to direct the Supdt., Govt. Central Hospital, Madras, to visit Bellary, to see if any of the empty Govt. buildings adjoining the Junior certified school could be adopted, with a wire or fencing enclosure, for an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the

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Govt. Mental Hospital,
Madras If this is
possible, he is requested
to obtain from the
Supdt. proposals for the establishment
of an civilian home
as suggested in his
letter No 6346-MD dt. 1-8-40 & 10 CF
and forward them to
Govt. with his remarks

2 The Supdt. will be
eligible to draw travelling
allowance at the rates
admissible thereunder the
Madras Travelling
Allowance Rules, for
his journey to Bellary
and back

To

The S. G. ✓
" A. G. with finance
" Finance dept
Copy to MMD. ✓

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. C.F. 80.

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Subject.

Buildings-Establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras

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No. Ref. 822--8 General

Station Madras, *Dated the* 27th September 1940.

From (Name) Major-General N.M.Wilson, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Ref. 13-14 ante

Reference:-Government Memorandum No.10827/40 - 6 D 1 dated 10th September 1940.

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The Superintendent of the Government Mental Hospital, ~~He~~ Madras will be visiting Bellary about the 30th instant to inspect the building in question. A reply will be submitted to Government on the receipt of the report from him after the inspection.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Personal Assistant,
For Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

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P.21/I ENo. 39961/D1/40 From the S.G., No. Ref. 8822-8 Genl., Dt 27.9.1940.

Buildings - Establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the Govt. Mental Hospital, Madras.

Memo:- 10827/40-7 D1, P.H. Dt 5.10.1940

The S.G. is requested to direct the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, to expedite his report on the inspection of the empty Government buildings in Bellary.

To

The Surgeon-General

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Date

P.21 c/E

Order:- It is presumed that the Superr., Mental Hospital, Madras, has finished the inspection of the vacant buildings adjoining the Junior central prison, Bellary. The S.G. is requested to expedite the report called for in Govt Memo No. 10827/40-6-D1, dt the 10th Sept: 1940.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Received ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 17 OCT 1940 19 Registered 19

Subject.

Buildings-Establishment of an invalid house for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

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Ref No. 822-9/G

Station Madras, Dated the 16th October 1940.

From (Name) Major General N.M. Wilson, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

pp 13-14 ante Reference:- Government Memorandum No.10827-40-6 Dl dated 10-9-1940.

pp 21-27 infra A copy of the report submitted by the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras after his visit to Bellary about the establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic mental patients in one of the empty buildings adjoining the junior certified school is herewith forwarded. I agree to the establishment of the home at Bellary at Block No.4 if the necessary repairs are effected. The Government may call for an estimate of expenditure from the Public Works Department for the alterations

alterations and additions to the building in question, suggested by the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

Major General, I.M.S.,

Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

R.V/15-10

Report on the inspection of some of the vacant buildings of Plassey Barracks at Bellary with a view to see if they could be utilised for an Invalid Home for chronic, quiet and harmless and demented mental male patients of the Madras Mental Hospital.

I visited the buildings on the forenoon of 30th September 1940 and the Executive Engineer with his staff was good enough to take me round for the inspection of the buildings.

A Three huge blocks - No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 situated on the western side of the blocks in use for the Junior Certified School were shown as being vacant and available.

But the Superintendent of the Junior Certified School who also accompanied the party informed us that the question of utilisation of Block No. 3 nearest to the School, for the expansion of that Institution was under consideration.

Block No. 4 situated at the Southwestern corner of the extensive grounds of about 90 acres enclosed by double row barbed wire fencing was inspected in detail as it was the most likely one to be chosen of the three.

(I). The Main Building:- It is a huge block of terraced structure with only ground floor. Roughly it measures East to West 300 f and North to South about 56 ft- The verandahs that existed on the north and south have been demolished. Inside there are ten rooms at each end and a huge central hall (with supporting pillars in the central line as well) 172 ft.long by 24 ft.wide with an extension of 12 ft. on either side beyond the side pillars. The ceiling is very high and on the lengthy southern and northern sides there are many fixed irongrated openings with fairly good light and ventilation.

The floor area of the hall and side extensions comes to about 8000 sq.ft. Though the ten rooms situated in the eastern end may be utilised as Storerooms, Office etc., the ten rooms at the other end (8 of them being 20 ft. by 10 ft. and 2 being 20 ft. by 8 ft.) can be used for the weak and sick as well as for Anglo-India patients. Thus the area available for patients' accommodation would become nearly 10,000 sq.ft. and one block itself would afford the needed accommodation for about 200 patients.

But the following additions and alterations ~~and alterations~~

are

necessary:-

1. The building being an old one, walls, floor, roof, etc., require repairs.

2. Provision of two big sized grated doors on the northern and southern side to let in and out patients.

3. Provision for at least two cage night latrines on the southern side as well as alterations to the existing ones.

4. Provision of doors to the ten rooms proposed to be utilised as store rooms, office, etc., as well as rack arrangement for keeping linen, provisions, etc.

5. Provision of two grated doors one at each end of the hall to close the openings between it and the rooms situated at either end.

6. Construction of a tiled roof for a long verandah with hard-flooring on the southern side about 12 feet wide extending throughout the building ie., about 300 feet long. There being no big trees in the vicinity, a shady open space is necessary for the patients to spend a good part of the time in the open air during day time.

(2). The Kitchen:- On the northern side of the main building there is an old kitchen. It seems to be enough for the cooking of simple food for 200 in-mates. But it requires suitable repairs and alterations.

(3). The Dining Hall:- The nothern wing of the hall, measuring about 160 ft. by 12 ft. can be utilised as a place for feeding patients. Food for patients being usually given by about 5 o'Clock in the evening, the place if washed would be dry by the time they go to bed and so would not interfere with available accommodation at night.

(4). Latrines:- There are already some shortwalled compartments. With some repairs they would be serviceable. A low front wall may be built for the sake of privacy.

Bathing

(5). Bathing Place:- A long trough with platform may be built at a suitable distance on the northern side of the building at a spot near the well.

(6). Water supply:- (for drinking and cooking purposes.)

The Municipal tap water has to be conveyed to the Home from outside the compound by means of handcarts, if connection inside the premises is not feasible.

For bathing, cleaning, etc.:- Well water has to be conveyed from the well at the northwestern corner of the compound but doubt was expressed whether the yield in the well would be adequate and would be available also in summer. The Executive Engineer has been requested to give information after investiga--tion. Otherwise the construction of a suitable well is essen--tial to provide sufficient watersupply for bathing, cleaning, washing and other domestic purposes. I was informed that the existing brackish water supply to the Junior Certified School is scarcely enough for its needs and hence a separate source has to be contemplated.

(7). Wirefencing:- There is a double row wirefencing already on the southern and western sides and a new fencing has to be provided on the northern side to the extremity of Block No.5 and on the Eastern Side about midway between Blocks No.3 and No.4. The enclosed grounds would be about 4 acres in area and sufficient for the purpose.

(8). Quarters for a Sub-Assistant Surgeon (to be in charge of the home).

At the entrance of the Junior Certified School there is a fairly big building outside the wirefencing. The Sub Assistant Surgeon attached to the School is already provided a portion of it for his residence and I understand that the Superintendent of the School will also be allotted a part of the building for his quarters. Still there is enough space with suitable partitions and alterations for affording quarters for a Sub Assistant Surgeon.

Quarters

(9). Quarters for a Gate-Peon:- There is an old small building on the southern side where the entrance gate would be put up and this could be utilised as gatepeon's quarters.

(10). Quarters for Attendants and Toties:- Unless Block No.5 could be altered suitably which would mean much expense there are no other suitable places. They may live outside in the vicinity and come for duty.

GENERAL REMARKS:- The climate seems to be bracking and salubrious. The buildings are situated in a quiet and socluded part. The accommodation in the building though not ideal, is adequate.

It would no doubt have been an advantage from the points of frequent visits by the Superintendent of the Mental Hospital for affording advice and easy and cheap transfer of suitable cases to and from the two institutions, if this Home had been situated in the vicinity of Madras. But as vacant buildings are available, if the expenditure on repairs and suggested alterations are reasonable and not probibitive, the utilisation of the buildings for this purpose is recommended. For this purpose the Public Works Department may be asked to prepare an estimate of the probable cost for the repairs, alterations and additions. I may add that as buildings stand at present, it will not be feasible to utilise them for an Invalid Home.

If the scheme is accepted, details about the staff, bedding, clothing, equipment, diet charges, cost of transfer, etc., as well as other financial aspects would be worked out and submitted.

A rough sketch is herewith sent for ready reference.

p. 29 infra

M.D., D.P.M., R.C.P.&S.(Eng.).
Superintendent,
Government Mental Hospital,
Madras.

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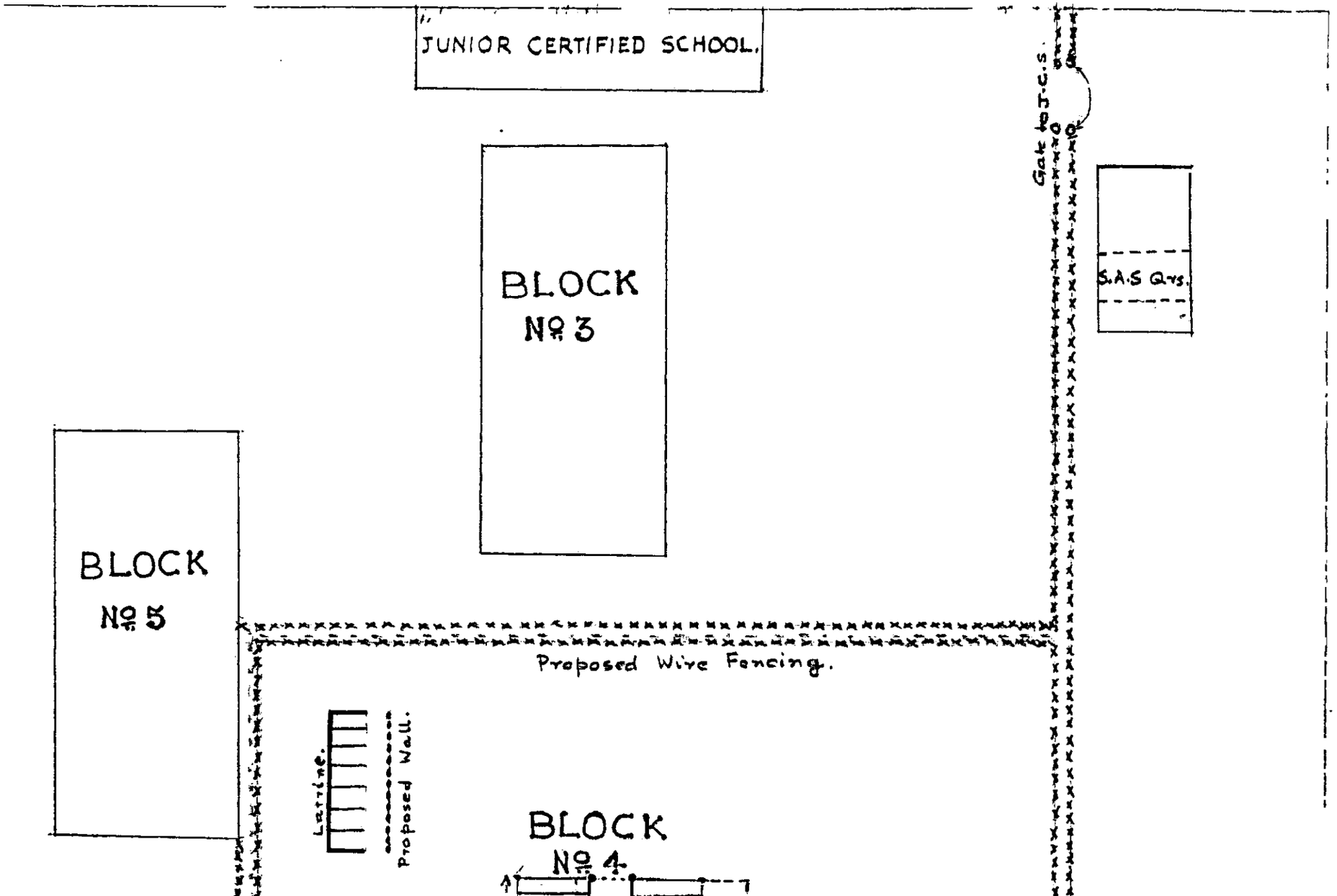

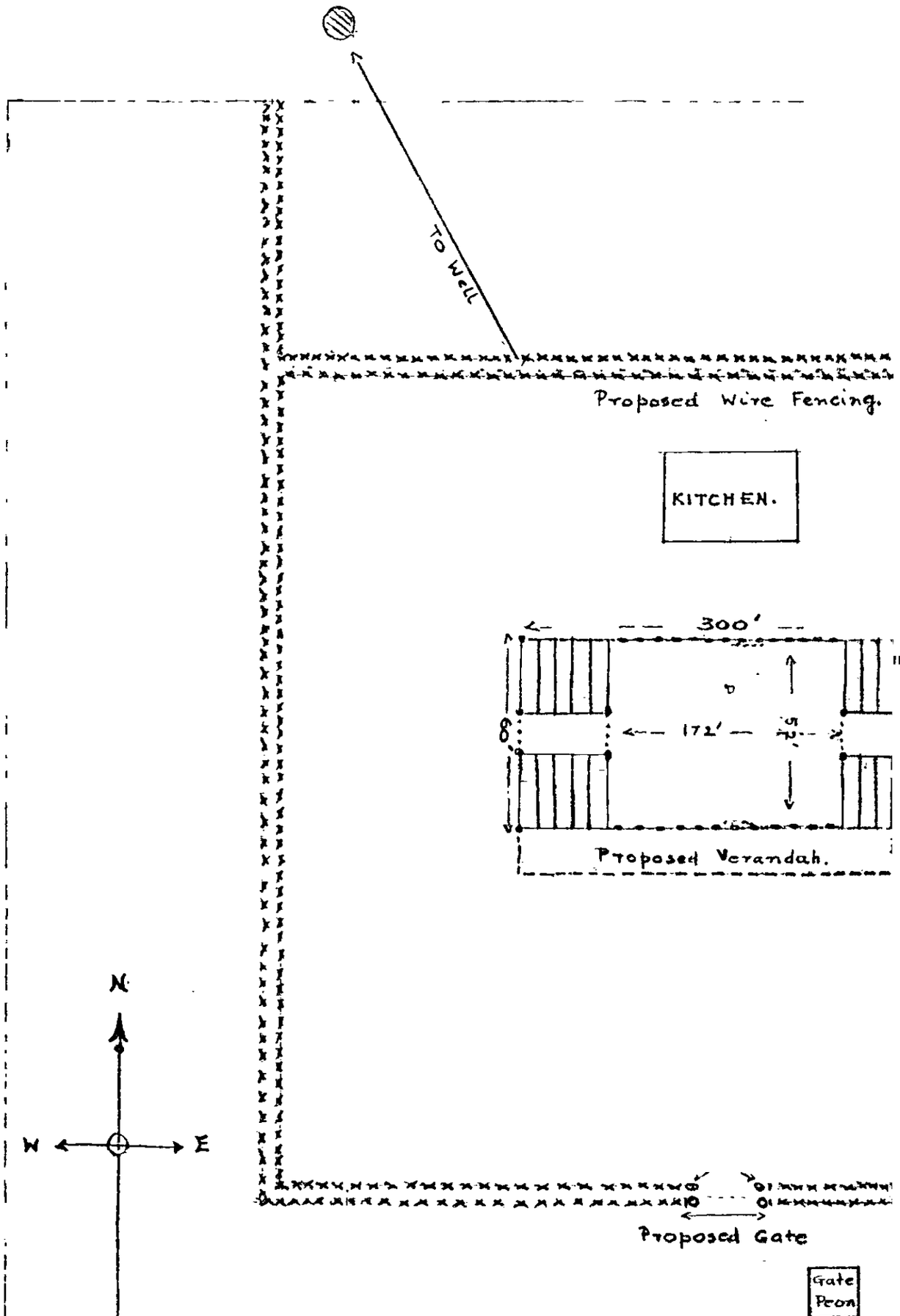

Executive Engineer
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Superintendent

Municipality

Surveyor

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E.& P.H. Department. (D.1)

Subject:- Buildings - Establishment of an invalid home for housing the quiet and harmless patients in the Govt. Mental Hospital, Madras

Extracts from the notes in the file regarding the construction of upper floor over the refractory ward on the male side of the Mental Hospital, Madras.

Before I do anything more about this scandalous state of affairs ask the Superintendent through the S.G. to go carefully through the male (non-criminal) cases and see whether we could not discharge a number of them. In Calicut I found that hopeless cases which should have been in a poor-house infirmary were just being dumped on the hospital by their relations hence overcrowding and it is possible that something similar is going on in the Mental Hospital. A lot of them, to the lay eye, seem to be harmless idiots and if their relatives are unable to maintain them it might be better to make a grant amounting to what they cost us to keep with overheads instead of overcrowding the hospital and preventing proper attention being given to the cases which really need it. Get the average cost per patient if not available. Draft on these lines to S.G.

T.G.R.
21-6-40.

A draft Memo. to the S.G. is submitted below for approval.

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27-6-40.

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(Memo.No.10827/40-3 D.1 P.H. dated 5-7-40.)
C.No.32966 from the P.A. to S.G., P.C. of T.M. dated 9.8.1940.
C.No.33468 from the S.G.No.822-5 G.dated 14-8-40.

Please see A.3's minute at pp.9-10 ante, the Memo. to the S.G. at pp. 7-8 c.f. and his reply at pages 13-16 c.f. The Supdt. of the Mental Hospital has examined the case of every non-criminal lunatic in the hospital and he says that the quiet and harmless cases mostly of a chronic nature, come

under two categories, viz.

(1) those for whom addresses of relatives could be found in the records,

(2) those for whom no addresses of relatives were available.

(1) above. There are 105 cases in this category. Of these, in the case of 29 patients, the relatives have pleaded poverty and inability to take charge of them and the relatives of 14 patients are not traceable at present.

(2) above. There are 200 cases in this category and it is suggested that an invalid home on cheap lines should be constructed for them as an annexe to the hospital.

2. The average cost of maintaining a patient (including overhead charges) is Rs.241 a year, of which Rs.102 is for diet.

3. There is accommodation in the hospital on the male side for 631 patients. The actual no. of male ~~patients~~ patients is 1195. When the criminal lunatics (347 in number) are removed to the Cuddalore Jail after its remodelling ~~(Vide notes in paras 2 and 3 on pp.3-4 ante)~~ and if an invalid home is constructed as proposed for the harmless and chronic cases, it may not be necessary to provide additional accommodation in the hospital.

4. Submitted for orders whether proposals for the construction of a cheap invalid home near the Mental Hospital may be called for or whether in view of the fact that most of them are quiet and harmless and no longer lunatics, they should be discharged from the hospital.

M.T.D.
21-8-40.

When 1195 patients occupy the accommodation intended for 631, it is impossible to assume,

'A' on p. 9 ef.

Para 6 on p. 9 ef.

Para 7 on p. 9 ef.

Para 8 on p. 10 ef
of S.G.'s. letter on p. 7

Para 10 on p. 10 ef.

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as the note does, that the demand is for accommodation for 1195 only. When there is such overcrowding, it is certain that many are excluded altogether, although they should be in the hospital. It is not possible, to subtract (347 plus 200) from 1195 and to conclude that, after the Cuddalore Jail is in use and an invalid home is provided, the Mental Hospital will be sufficient for the remaining demands.

I submit that, if the provision of an "invalid home" is examined at this stage, it is almost certain that nothing can come of it in 1941-42, and probably not for some time later. And meanwhile the proposal that there should be extra accommodation for 56 patients, for which there is a good case, may drop.

Vide 'A' onp. 4 of Cr.No. 18.10 P.H. 29.3.1938 — (D) in File I

In view of the fact that most of the patients are detained under compulsion it seems that they deserve special consideration. It has long been known that the conditions in the Mental Hospital were scandalous. But it seems shocking that lunatics should be compelled by force to submit to the conditions described ~~at 'A' on c.f. 2.~~ I submit that the most practical course is to press now the present proposals and thereafter to take up further remedies. It seems clear from c.f. ~~15~~ 9 that not much relief can come from attempts to accelerate discharges.

E.C.W.
25-8-40.

The removal of 347 (C.L.) Criminal lunatics will reduce number of patients to 848 as against accommodation for 631.

If 200 harmless cases are put in an invalid home they should cost less and make the accommodation left ample.

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The Supdt. may be authorised to visit Bellary

and see if any of the empty buildings ~~xxx~~ we have adjoining the Certified School could be adopted for an invalid home with a wire or fencing enclosure, and if so submit a scheme as suggested by him. There is no other place that I can think of, and if fresh building is required we might perhaps just as well build in the Mental Hospital.

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T.G.R.
27-8-40.

E.& P.H. Deptt.

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A.3 may see A.2's minute on p.1 of (X) below. It appears that the buildings, to which A.3 refers are being booked for some other purpose. In the circumstances perhaps A.3 will not now wish the Supdt. to go to Bellary.

E.C.W.
3-9-40.

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Draft urgently.

E.C.W.
6-9-40.

A draft Memo is submitted.

E.C.W.
8-9-40.

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(Memo.No.10827/40-6 D.1 P.H. d.10-9-40.)

They are being got ready in case they are required for prisoners or extra police. The Supdt. should go as directted.

T.G.R.
5-9-40.

pp 13-14 Cf.
p 15 Cf.

C.No. 39951/40 from the S.G., Ref. 822-8 Genl., d. 27/9/40.

p. 17 c/f.

19-30 c/f. G.O.No. 4281 7/D1/40

(Memo No. 10827/40-7 D1, P.H. dated 5.10.1940)

From the S.G., Ref. No. 8222-9/G1, dated 16.10.1940.

The report of the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, at pp. 21-27 c/f. shows that blocks No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 of the old barracks at Bellary are vacant. He considers that block No. 4 is the most likely one to be chosen for the accommodation of the chronic and harmless ~~cases~~ lunatics in the Mental Hospital, Madras. His recommendation is that the buildings in block No. 4 can be utilised for the establishment of the invalid home suggested by him in paras 8 and 9 of his report at p. 10 c/f., if the alterations and additions suggested at pp. 23-27 c/f are carried out. The S.G. agrees with the Superintendent's recommendation. The Dept. and the S.G. further suggest that the P.W.D. may be asked to prepare the estimate of expenditure for the alterations and additions to the buildings.

'A' on p. 21 c/f. Vide speech on p. 29 c/f

'B' on p. 21 c/f

p 19 c/f.

'M' on p. 27 c/f. & 'N' on pp 19-20 c/f.

2. The details about staff etc. and other financial aspects referred to at 'A' on p. 27 c/f. may first be called for and then the file may be sent to the P.W.D. for getting the ~~data~~ estimate for adapting the buildings.

3. A draft memo to the S.G. is submitted. After issue, the file may be sent to the P.W.D.

Sd/- 23/10

Sd/- 23/10

Sd/- A3

AS may kindly see the stage at which this is.

EWS

24/10/40.

AS

Sam. Nothing to be done in connection with the buildings which are not for approval at present. When Block 4 becomes available we can consider whether anything more is required than what is now being done.

26/10

P.W. may see these notes

30/10

31/10

EWS

31/10.

PWD.

PWD.

May be perused & returned to EPH

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 26 OCT 1940

vide extract of AS's remarks at (I)

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This papers may for future reference, be

Order 5317 P.H. dated 11.11.60
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Subject. 46966

Buildings-Establishment of an invalid house for quiet and harmless chronic patients in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

ENCLOSURES.
No.
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Ref No. 822-11/General

Station Madras., Dated the 14th November 19 40.

From (Name) Major General [illegible], C.I.E., [illegible], K.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter Ref.No.822-9/G dated 16-10-1940, I enclose herewith a copy of letter No. 2220-E dated 15-10-1940 from the Sub Divisional Officer, Bellary sub division to the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division regarding suitability of vacant buildings in Bellary for the establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients of the Government Mental Hospital, Madras for the information of Government.

p. 194 (K)
p. 2 infra

Personal Assistant
For Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

R.V/13-11

P.T.O.

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Letter No.2220-E dated 15-10-40 from the Sub Divisional Officer Bellary Sub Division to the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division.

Subject:- Plassey barracks-blocks 3 & 4.

The following is submitted for favour of information.

1. There are 3 wells in the Alipuram Jail compound. But the nearest to Block No.4 is in the old garden along the west side of the Jail compound. This lies outside the enclosure of the junior Certified School and its garden. It is about 950 feet from Block No.4.

2. The diameter of the well is 20 feet and is about 25 feet deep below ground level and is in rocky soil. No test has been carried out by this department on the yielding capacity of the well; nor has there been an opportunity to observe the water level in the well and the availability of water during the summer months. It is reported however that these wells get dried up during summer months, when under use continuously.

3. No pump is attached to it at present. But a pulley arrangement with a ramp for a picottah exists.

4. The Municipality may be prepared to give a tap connection inside the compound without special orders of the Government, until the proposed improvements to the existing water supply to the Town are carried out. In an emergent case in the neighbourhood the Municipality has permitted extension of pipe line under special orders of the Government, limiting supply to five gallon per head per day. Best use of this should be made for drinking, cooling and other cleaning purposes.

There is at present a public tap at entrance to the Junior Certified School, which can be made use of, by carting water.

2. A 12 feet wide verandah of Mangalore tiles over ceiling tiles with a raised plinth will be required in south side for the entire length of Block No.4 about 280 feet long. It may cost roughly Rs.6,000/-

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Edwd H.H.

No 46966/D/40 From the S. G., Ref No. 822 - 11/General dated 14.11.1940

pp 1 - Def.

Mental Hospitals — Opening of an invalid home at Bellary for accommodating harmless Chronic patients

Memo No:- 46966/40-1 D, P.H. dt 20/11/1940.

The Surgeon-General is informed that as the vacant building at Bellary are required for other purposes, at present, the question of opening an invalid home for accommodating harmless mental patients has been closed. referred

16/11/40

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The Surgeon-General.
2 Spare Copies for Sto. office)

Note:- After issue, may be filed with Go. No. 5317 P.H., dt 11.11.1940 — please see A 3's orders at pp 36 & 39 of (K)

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(Sd. SLD have been informed)

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E.& P.H.(D.1) Deptt. 43

Extract of A.3's remarks in the file relating to the construction of additional buildings in the Mental Hospital, Madras.

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Barracks at Bellary now being repaired have to be kept for C.D. prisoners or prisoners of war from the Middle East.

T.G.R.
26-10-40.

There is a series of old barracks, of which one is being utilised by the Junior Certified School, at Bellary. Please ask the Chief Engineer to have estimates prepared immediately for putting these barracks into repair to render them safe and habitable. The matter is urgent.

H.M.H.
30-8-40.

Secretary, P.W.D. .

P.W.D.

K.R.M.
31-8-40.

Presumably the Plassey Barracks are referred to. A draft O.M. to the C.E is put up.

K.G.M.
31-8.

I have discussed this with Secretary. After issue, send this to E.& P.H. linked with the file below.

K.G.M.
31-8-40.

E.& P.H. Deptt.

This has been sent to this Deptt. for reference in connection with File I above. No action is necessary on this file.

J.A.W.
31-8.
B.M.
1-9.

M.T.D.
2-9-40

This file may now be returned to P.W.D. Necessary extracts will be taken and retained for further reference.

M.T.D.
11-9-40.

Passed on to P.W.D. with Eff. Memo. 36605/40 - I D/P.H. 18/9/1940.

P.W.D.

No.4523 C/40-1 dated 31-8-1940.

Memo.

Buildings - Bellary - Plassey Barracks
Repairs.

The C.E.(G.B.& R.) is requested to have estimates prepared immediately for repairing the above barracks to render them safe and habitable. The matter is urgent and a report should be submitted to Govt. as soon as possible.

K.G.M.
31-8-40.

To the C.E.(G.B.& R.)

C.F. 32 (a).

.....Department

From (Name) Major-General H.Stott, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
Designation Surgeon-General with the
Station Govt. of Madras.

Received ASST. SECRETARY to Govt. 5 - SEP 1941 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. Registered .....

To The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

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Enclosures:

Ref. No. 37496-1-Genl. dated 3-9-41. 194 .

Sir, Subject:-- Buildings - Mental Hospital, Madras - Proposals for additional accommodation.

Ref:-- Para. 5 of G.O.No.1427 P.H. dated 3-4-1941 calling for proposals for additional accommodation in the Mental Hospitals of this Presidency.

The Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Madras, reports that the question of additional accommodation will not arise in this hospital if the works noted in the margin* that are now held up on account of the restriction on the use of iron and steel are executed immediately and when the criminal patients of this Hospital are transferred to the District Jail, Cuddalore. In the circumstances it is recommended that the Government will be pleased to consider the question of the execution of the two works as early as possible.

P.1 Y(N)

No 730 P.W.D (I) 22-3-41

*1. Construction of an upper floor to the new Refractory ward on the male side. 2. Establishment of an invalid Home for chronic, harmless and demented mental patients as an annexe to the Mental Hospital, Madras.

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For Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

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Ex. H.P.H. Dy Dept

C.No. 34778. From the S.G, Ref-No 37496-1-
of General, dated 3-9-41.
Buildings- Mental Hospital,
Madras- Additional
accommodation.

Memo No. 34778 D1-1
17-9-41

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The attention of the S. G. is invited to Memo No. 46966/40-1 D1 P.H; dt 20.11.1940 in re: to the opening of one invalid home for mental patient. The availability of the Bellary barracks for the purpose cannot be counted upon in considering proposals for additional accommodation for the Mental hospital, Madras.

Ref 41 of S.G No 5317 P.H
11-11-40

(K)

Dpd. by V. n
Dpr.'s initials.
Date 5.9.41

To

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17/9

C.F. 32 (a).

Medical Department

From (Name) Major-General H. Stott, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., K.H.S., I.M.S.,
Designation Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
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To

The Secretary to Government,
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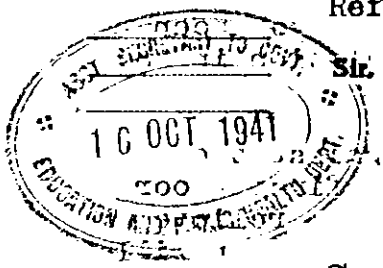

Ref: No. 37496-3 G dated 8 October, 1941

Sir,

Sub:- Buildings - Mental Hospital Madras Additional accommodation.

Ref:- Government Memo No. (37496-1 G dated 3-9-41 34778-D1 & 17-9-41)

I forward herewith a copy of letter No. 8376 D/41 dated 4-10-41 from the Superintendent Mental Hospital, Madras. In the circumstances stated therein it is requested that the Government will be pleased to order the construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward in the Men's side of the Mental Hospital, Madras, at an early date. The question of increasing the accommodation in the hospital may be taken up when normal conditions return.

Personal Assistant
for Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

R.G.8-10.

*Copy

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*Copy of letter.

With reference to your Memorandum No. Ref. 37496-2 G dated 22nd September 1941 regarding providing additional accommodation in this hospital, I have the honour to state that after the transfer of 300 criminal patients to the Mental Jail, Cuddalore, the congestion and over-crowding have been relieved to a considerable extent. The present distribution of patients to the various sections is passable and is fairly reasonable. The ideal, of course, has not yet been achieved as also the provision for the increase of population in the future has not been made

The present strength as on date is 1347 against the available accommodation of 888. The construction of a first floor to the new Refractory Ward on the male side will, however, relieve to some extent the over crowding as the available accommodation will be increased by 56. This has been put off vide Government Memo Nos P.W.D. No. 3222-G/41-42 dated 16-9-41. copy communicated in your No. P. 279-G dated 25-9-41

Not correct — I have been [illegible]

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C.F. 32 (a).

Medical Department

From (Name) Major-General H. Stott, C.I.E, O.B.E. M.D. F.R.C.P. D.P.H. K.H.S. I.M.S.,
Designation Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
Station Madras.

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To 47892
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

Enclosures: Ref. No. 37496-4G dated 21st November 1941

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. 24 NOV 1941 25 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub:--Buildings - Mental Hospital, Madras - additional accommodation - Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward in the men's side.

Early orders of Government are requested on this office letter Ref. No.37496-3G Dated 8--10--41 on the subject referred to above.

p.5 cancelled

For Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

ARV/21-11.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public Works Department.

MEMORANDUM No. 4496 G/41-2, dated the 20th November 1941.

Sub: War - Economy in the use of Steel and iron - Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward in the men's side of the Mental Hospital, Madras.

Ref: Memorandum No. 3222 G/41-2, dated 16th September 1941.

From the Chief Engineer (Buildings and Roads) letter No. 2624 Wks.41-71 dated 29th October 1941.

The Chief Engineer (Buildings and Roads) is informed that the work 'Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward in the men's side of the Mental Hospital, Madras' should be deferred.

2. The particulars relating to item 1 in paragraph 6 and the item in paragraph 7 of memorandum No. 3222 G/41-2 dated 16th September 1941 are awaited.

D.D. Warren,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer (Buildings and Roads).
Copy to the Education & Public Health Department.

Forwarded.

(By order)

Superintendent.

VRN.21/11.

Edn. & P.H. (D1) Dept.
Endt. No. 34778-3-D1-P.H. dt 29-11-41
Communicated to the S.G with reference to the correspondence ending with his letter Ref. No. 37496-4 G, dated 21-11-41.

Edn.& P.H(D1)Dept.

C.No. 34778. From the S.G, Ref.No. 37496-1-General,dated 3-9-41.

p.1 to

Govt.Mental Hospital,Madras- Additional accommodation.

Please see the S.G's letter in the c.f in regard to the provision of additional accommodation for the Mental Hospital,Madras. The schemes referred to therein call for the following remarks ;-

(i) Transfer of criminal patients and removal of congestion ;- Orders sanctioning the opening of a Mental Jail at Cuddalore from 1-9-41, have been issued in G.O.No. 3789 Home, dated 22-8-41. About 300 criminal patients from the Mental Hospital,Madras, would have been transferred to Cuddalore.

(R) Removed for another file

A on p3 of GO No 1627 P.H (N) 3-4-41

(ii) Construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward on the men's side of the Hospital at an estimated cost of Rs.56,000 sanctioned in G.O.No. 730 P.W.D,dated 22-3-41.

(I)

The C.E,P.W.D, has been asked to give a rough estimate of essential steel required for the work and his reply is awaited.

File in P.W.D

Orders since issued in Memo No 3222 & 41-2 (L) 16-9-41

(iii) Establishment of an invalid home for quiet and harmless chronic patients.

(K)

Item 7, p9 of GO No 5317 P.H 11-11-41

The proposal to provide a convalescent home for harmless patients at Bellary, which when approved, would relieve the Mental hospital of about 200 patients, had to be deferred, as the barracks at Bellary had to be set apart for accommodating prisoners

pages 36 & 43 ibid

~~No further action seems necessary on the current letter.~~ The original suggestion of the Superintendent, Madras Mental Hospital

VM 11-9-41

The S. G. was that an invalid home for the harmless mental patients should be provided in the vicinity of Madras as an annexe to the Mental Hospital. This Suggestion was not examined but it was thought that it might be possible to obtain a few of the blocks in the old barracks at Bellary. Subsequently it turned out that these might be required in connection with war prisoners of C. D. prisoners. The proposal to find new exit for the surplus population in the mental hospital had to be deferred & the S. G. was also informed accordingly last November — K/41. It is not therefore correct to say, as the S. G. says, that the question of providing an invalid home is held over because of shortage of iron and steel. The C. D. prisoners are now housed in the Bellary Barracks and it cannot be said when those buildings will be available. Should the S. G. be asked to put up ~~alternative~~ other proposals?

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on Bellary for an invalid home, then considering whether more buildings are necessary.

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Issue Memo below

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p.3 ✓ (Issued as Memo No. 34778-1-D1PH, dt 17-9-41)

CNo 40222/41 p.5 ✓ From the S.G, Ref No. 37496-3-G, dated 8-10-41.

p.5.✓ The S.G suggests that the construction of an upper floor over the refractory ward on the men's side of the Mental Hospital, Madras, sanctioned in G.O No. 730 P.W.D, dated 22-3-41, may be proceeded with. He also says that the question of increasing the accommodation in the hospital may be taken up when normal conditions return.

(I) Attention is invited to para (ii) on p.1 ante. P.W.D may be requested to say whether the CE's reply has since been received.

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P.W.D

TO GOVERNMENT
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E & P. H. No. 34778-I-D1-P.H.
dt 14.10.41

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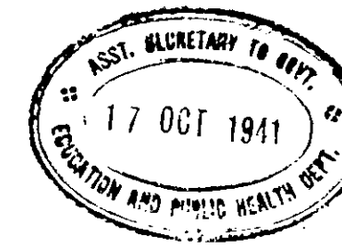
To A.S

With reference to 'A' on p. 3 ante E&P.H. may be informed that the H. E's report has not yet been received. He is being reminded.



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Ed. & PH (P) Dept P.W.n.o. 4348-G/41-1
16/10/41

This may lie over till 15-11-41.

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Please see the note on p. 2 ante of the linked file. This may lie over till orders are issued in P.W.D on Scheme no (ii) at page 1 ante.

(+ No 41384 - delinked and sent to P.W.D.)

8-11-41 10/11

CMo 47032/41. From the S.G, Ref. No 37696-G/G, dt 21-11-41. 7 pp

Please see the Memo from the P.W.D on 9 pp. Draft endt. on that page is for approval.

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(Endt No 34778-11/3-Dt. P.H dt 29-11-41). 9 pp

It seems unnecessary to keep this file pending. The papers may be lodged and stitched with G.O No 5317 P.H. dt 11-11-40

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If lodged, where will this be available for future reference?